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SUBJECT: CURRENCY CONTROL AT LAO-THAI BORDER

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 14 EMBOFF LEAVING FOR THAILAND AT THA DEUA FERRY WAS STOPPED BY LAO IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL AND ASKED IF HE WAS CARRYING THAI BAHT. WHEN EMBOFF REPLIED, YES, OFFICIAL STATED THAT CURRENCY COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT OF THE COUNTRY WITHOUT "PAPERS FROM THE MINISTRY". OFFICIAL WAS VAGUE AS TO WHICH MINISTRY, INDICATING POSSIBLE EITHER THE INTERIOR OR FINANCE MINISTRY. OFFICIAL CONTINUED THAT PAPERS WERE ALSO REQUIRED FOR CARRYING LAO KIP AND US DOLLARS OUT OF THE COUNTRY. EMBOFF LEFT FOR NONGKHAI AFTER DEPOSITING CURRENCY WITH OFFICIAL AND RECEIVING RECEIPT. ON RETRUN TO LAOS, EMBOFF HANDED IN RECEIPT AND RECEIVED CURRENCY BACK.

2. COMMENT: EMBOFFS LEAVING LAOS AT WATTAI AIRPORT ON SEPTEMBER 10 AND 12 WERE NOT QUESTIONED ON CURRENCIES CARRIED. THIS IS THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIRST INTANCE WE KNOW OF SINCE JUST AFTER THE JUNE 15

CURRENCY CONVERSION THAT PERSONS CROSSING TO THAILAND VIA
THA DEUA WERE TOLD TO LEAVE BAHT AT THA DEUA. AT THAT TIME,
AMERICAN OFFICER CARRYING DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT WAS EXCEMPT FROM
REQUIREMENT TO LEAVE CURRENCY IN LAOS BUT NON-DIPLOMAT LEAVING
THE LPDR WAS REQUIRED TO LEAVE BAHT AND KIP WITH CUSTOMS
OFFICIALS ON THE LPDR SIDE.
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